

Response to the Election of Species Requirement
U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/796,839
Title: Attachment System for a Decorative Member

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated August 18, 2005, the Examiner imposed an election of species requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among Species I, directed to the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 3-12; Species II, directed to the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 13-17; Species III, directed to the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 18-21; or Species IV, directed to the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 22-27.

Applicants hereby elect Species IV, without traverse. Claims 22 and 31 are generic. Applicants aver that claims 23-25, 27-28, 32-36, 39-40 and new claim 41 read on the species associated with Group IV. New claim 41 is similar to elected claim 25.

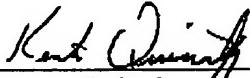
The Examiner is invited to contact the listed attorney with any comments on this election response. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications drawn to any non-elected claims, if necessary.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully Submitted,

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